

Biography

Lieutenant Colonel (P) Kurt F. Ubbelohde



Lt. Col. (P) Kurt F. Ubbelohde became the Commander and District Engineer of the Omaha District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on August 13, 2001.

As District Engineer, Lt. Col. (P) Ubbelohde oversees federal civil works activities, including administration of the Clean Water Act Section 404 regulatory program in the upper Missouri River basin, engineering design and construction for the Army and Air Force in eight Mountain and Upper Midwest states, and hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste (HTRW) cleanup work for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Defense at sites throughout the United States.

A major focus of the civil works mission is the operation of the six, giant, multi-purpose dams and reservoirs on the main stem of the Missouri River, and the flood pools of 27 tributary dams. The main stem dams and their impoundments comprise the largest Corps-managed reservoir system in the United States.

The Omaha District has served the nation through the design and construction of military facilities for more than half a century. With the end of the Cold War, the district's focus has turned to the revitalization of facilities on active military installations and the disposal of others in pursuance of the Base Realignment and Closure objectives of the Department of Defense.

The district has been at the forefront of the federal HTRW cleanup program virtually since the inception of the environmental restoration program in 1980. Even with decentralization of these activities within the Corps, the Omaha District maintains a lead role for the federal government in the restoration program.

Prior to his Omaha assignment, Lt. Col. (P) Ubbelohde served as the Chief, Construction Programs Division for the Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineering, Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe, in Heidelberg, Germany. He has held command and staff positions at Camp Humphries, Korea; Fort Ord, California; Fort Drum, New York; and Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He has also served as Staff Officer and Military Assistant to the Director, Defense Nuclear Agency, Alexandria, Virginia; and Chief, Nuclear Operations Branch, Joint Staff (J3), Pentagon.

Born in Anchorage, Alaska, Lt. Col. (P) Ubbelohde is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1979. He received a Master's degree in Physics from the University of California, San Diego. Ubbelohde is also a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, U.S. Army War College, Ranger and Airborne Schools.

Lt. Col. (P) Ubbelohde's military awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Joint Meritorious Unit Award.

He is married to the former Jean Reynolds of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They have three children: Zachary, Mallory, and Abigail.